

Hazelwood's Department Stores

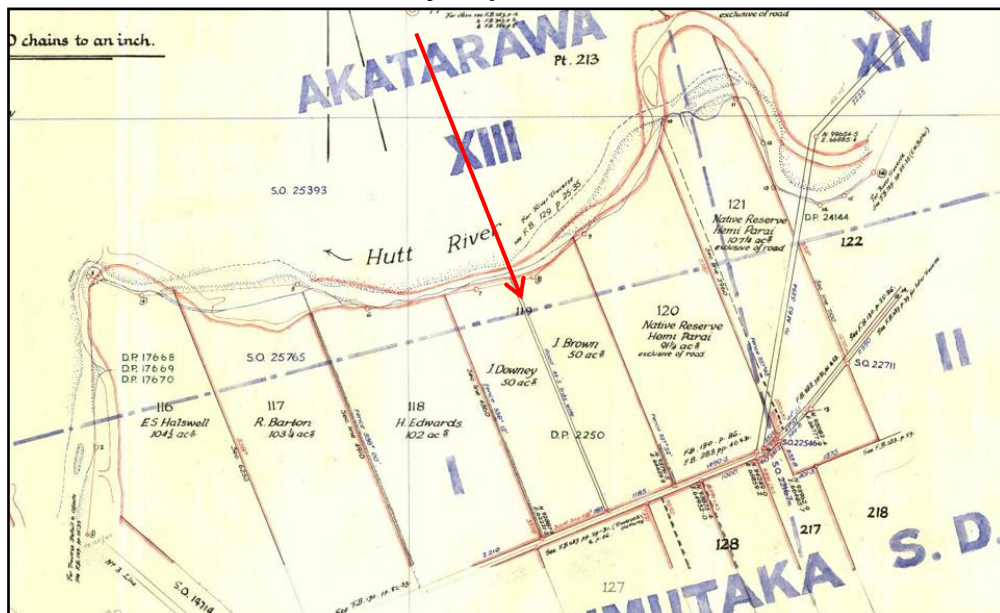
92-104 Main Street Upper Hutt

Time line for Hazelwood's Store

1891	1 st store & bake-house established by James Alfred Hazelwood circa 1891
1893	J. A. Hazelwood's Company founded
1898	2 nd store wooden two story building north of Provincial Hotel
1906	3 rd store a brick two story building
1912	4 th store north of the brick two story building
1912	J T Benge joins J A Hazelwood in storekeeping business
1914	Benge and Pratt fire destroys former 2 nd wooden Hazelwood store
1944	T N Gibbs purchases company from J A Hazelwood & J T Benge
1946	Len Rink was Father Christmas at store continues for 24 years
1948	Hazelwood's Store occupies 3 buildings in Main Street
1954	T N Gibbs son Colin becomes assistant manager
1956	Colin Gibbs becomes manager of Hazelwood's Department Store
1960s	Hazelwood's Department Store expands its business and store
1967	Grocery department closed
1973	Hazelwood's old bake-house in Queens Street behind Store demolished
2009	Hazelwood's ceased trading

Hazelwood's store was built on part Section No 119. The Crown Grant for Sections was issued to James Brown (50 acres) and J Downey (50 acres). The store was later situated on the land owned by James Brown.

1864 Survey Map – Section No 119



(Reference 1864 Survey Map Section No 116 JGillard WNC_SO_10985_I_4.jpg)

James Alfred HAZELWOOD began his business by opening a fruit shop on Main Street and a bake house at the back towards Queen Street around circa 1891.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection subject Archives reference 15 & location 6a, 37i)

Hazelwood Bake-house circa 1891 Upper Hutt



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website J A Hazelwood First Bake house ca 1890s Ref ½-106501-F Alexander Turnbull Library Wellington /records/23081360)

J A Hazelwood History - According to an August 20, 1997 article, James A (Jimmy) Hazelwood came to Upper Hutt in 1891 and set up a fruit shop in a converted cottage. The company was founded in 1893, when it occupied a single-storey building on Main Road. It started as a grocery, and later added a drapery, and then footwear; an in store bakery was added at the turn of the century. By the time the article was written the company's only business was furniture.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

Hazelwood's buildings circa 1893 the original store



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection R Mudgway photographer P3-150-656)

James Alfred (Jimmy) and Percy Hazelwood

Evening Post newspaper 09 July 1898

Tenders are invited for Carting Timber (at per 100ft superficial measurement) from C Gardner's Mill to the Upper Hutt and Railway Station for 12 months. A timber dray provided if required. Conditions of contract may be seen at either Wilkie's or Hazelwood's Stores. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders close at noon on the 16th instant. Chas. Gardiner Akatarawa 09th July 1898

(Reference Paper past website Evening Post newspaper 09 July 1898 page 6)

J A Hazelwood History - His second building was wooden and two-storeyed built in 1898 near the east side of the Provincial Hotel.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

J A Hazelwood's building circa 1898



L-R: Jack Jones, J Allan, J R Hazelwood, W Wilkie. Hazelwood's General Store possibly the second building where business was carried on from 1898 until it was burned down in 1914. Two storey building identified on sign as J A Hazelwood General Storekeeper. The chimney in the background belonged to their bake-house which was last used by a baker in 1956 and also occupied by Upper Hutt Produce. It was demolished in October 1973 to make room for a store expansion. Bicycles, dog, children, storekeepers, dwellings, chimney, cart. Children: L-R: J Hazelwood jnr, May Hazelwood (married H Poulson) Myrtle Hazelwood (married L Benge), 4th unidentified. There is a second set of names, from Doris Mitchell (nee Hunter) 1988, who listed Mr Hazelwood on bicycle, Mr Gillies with child. Jimmy Hazelwood, Rosie Burns, Doris Mudgway, Doris Hunter, Jackie the dog, Norman Hunter, Bill Wilkie. Doris and Norman Hunter were the children (2 of 4) of Andrew Hunter of Station Street (now part of Geange Street). However there are only two girls in the picture, possibly one of the men was a Mudgway. An article in the 17 October 1973 Leader gave a history of Hazelwood's' early days. Hazelwood moved from his first store into 'The Wilkie Arcade' next to the Provincial Hotel, and then built a brick store two sections north; Bert Benge, of Benge and Pratt, bought and extended the Wilkie store. In March 1914 a fatal fire and explosion (blamed on gelignite) destroyed Benge & Pratt's store, killing 6 men on the spot; another two died later.

(Reference Upper Hutt Library Heritage collection Hazelwood's building 1898-1914 2nd building later Benge & Pratt P3-17-61)

Evening Post newspaper 03 January 1899

Lost at Taita between Cleland's Store and Post Office, lady's open face silver Watch and Chain.
Reward given on returning same to Evening Post or J Hazelwood Storekeeper Upper Hutt
(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 03 January 1899 page 1)

1905 Valuation Roll Hutt County

Year 1905 – source p5 v41 – occupier James HAZELWOOD - occupier storekeeper Upper Hutt
/Timothy Twomey Blacksmith Lower Hutt - Section 119 - Lot part 2 – DP No 0 – 21 perches -
page 114

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington R17840726 AFHQ 19340 W1086 V-Rolls 249 3/62 1 Valuation Rolls Wellington -
Hutt County - Mungaroa [Mangaroa] Riding Roll number 1-948 dates 1905-1908 - pages 1 – 199 with index at the front of the
register)

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was the first to have a veranda over the footpath.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

Hazelwood's brick building 1906



Seven adults and six children in front of Hazelwood's' store - Bicycle leaning against pillar. From
Left W N Pepperell, S C Brace (at rear), J Gillies, Charlie Morris, Herbert Hawks, Percy
Hazelwood, May Hazelwood, J T Hazelwood, J A Hazelwood. The two-storey building at left was
Hazelwood's second but when it burnt down and exploded in March 1914 it was run by Benge &
Pratt. By that stage Hazelwood had added his fourth building, against the right-hand wall of this,
his third building (which also destroyed in the fire and rebuilt). So far, there has been no
comment on the single-storey building, which may have been added to the two-storey one.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood's buildings 1906 view of store south-east P3-91-308 &
Poulson collection Alexander Turnbull library ½-022399-F dated c1906)

Evening Post newspaper 10 August 1907

Wanted at once for Upper Hutt a Dressmaker for a week or ten days Address R.C. care J Hazelwood storekeeper Upper Hutt

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 10 August 1907 page 1)

Evening Post newspaper 04 March 1908

Mr P Davis has recently erected a very fine brick building for a store. Mr J Hazelwood also recently set up a brick building for business purposes. Mr Lay storekeeper is about to construct a new two story brick store.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 04 March 1908 page 3)

Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1909

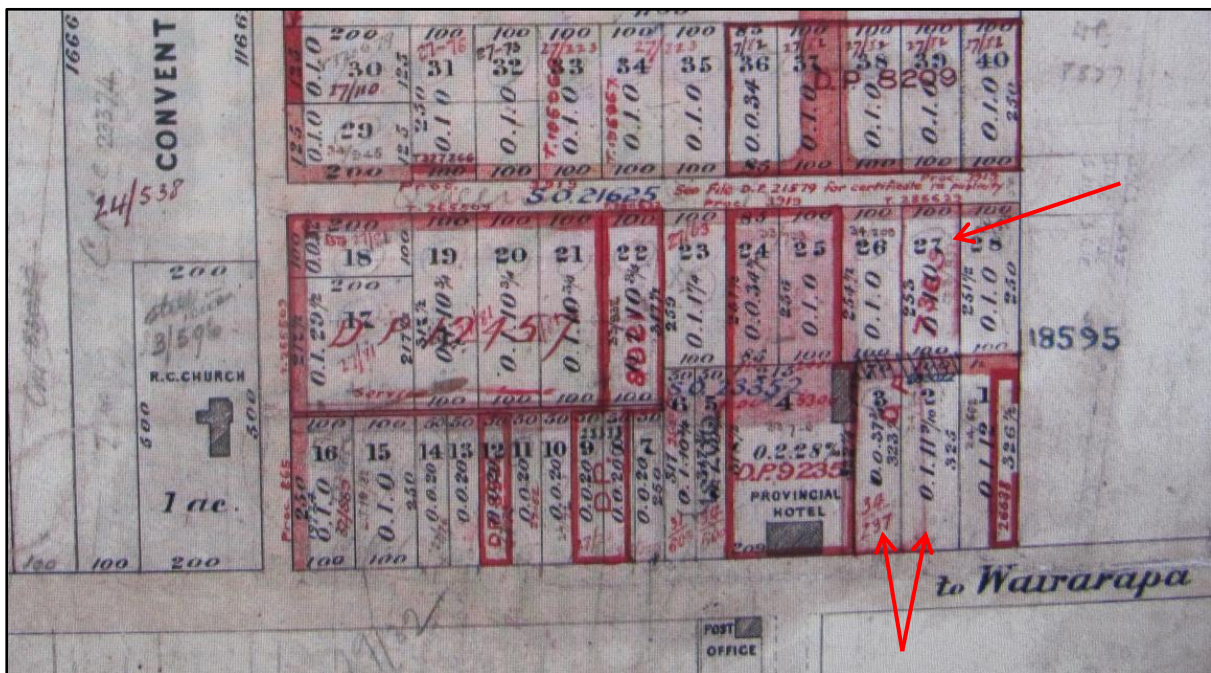
The Price of Bread – On and after the 1st May till further notice Bread will be 4d cash and 4½ booked – J A HAZELWOOD – E W MUDGWAY Upper Hutt

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 26 April 1909 page 1)

In 1905 J A Hazelwood Upper Hutt begins advertising in various newspapers

(Reference Papers past website various 1905 newspapers)

Hazelwood's Land – DP 135 Lot 2 & Lot 3 & Lot 27



(Reference Quick Maps website Deposit Plan - UH Section 119 DP 135 IMG_3495))

1908-1914 Upper Hutt Town District Valuation Roll

- James HAZELWOOD – Main Road – 161 – Lot 2 DP 135 – Section No 119 – 1950/350/1600 - Shop dwelling grain shed /154
- James HAZELWOOD – Main Road – 162 – Lot 3 DP 2209 – Section No 119 – 625/625/00 - /1874
- James Alfred HAZELWOOD – Queen Street – 180 – Lot 27 DP 135 – Section No 119 – 630/130/500 – Bake House, trap shed, stables, general house /1355

(Reference Archives NZ Wellington R17840741 AFHQ 19340 W1086 V-WROLLS box 251 3/62a part 1 Valuation roll Wellington Hutt County Upper Hutt Town District Roll numbers 1-1069 Valuation 1908-1914)

Dominion newspaper 16 September 1909

Upper Hutt Town Board - Four building permits were issued one of these being for a bake-house and loft for Mr J A Hazelwood.

(Reference Papers past website Dominion newspaper 16 September 1909 page 3)

Upper Hutt Town Board 1909-1918 Valuation Roll

- 1910-1911 – Section No 119 – page 2 – 21 perches – James Hazelwood (UH) storekeeper – Dominion Estate shop dwelling grain stable – p21 vn 154/41
- 1910-1911 – Section No 119 – 27 – 1 rood – James Alfred Hazelwood – Queen Street – p37 vn 1355/0

(Reference Archives New Zealand Wellington Office reference AFHQ 19340 W1086 251/ 3/62a 1)

Evening Post newspaper 30 August 1910

Bank of Australasia – A receiving house in connection with wellington Branch is now open at Upper Hutt on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Hazelwood's Building Hours 10.30 to 1230 A P
Webster Inspector Wellington 29th August 1910

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 30 August 1910 page 4)

Hutt Valley Independent 12 January 1911

Directory – Telephone Exchange – Hazelwood J. A., baker general store.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent 12 January 1911 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 February 1911

Among the many improvements may be mentioned the new brick post office, the two story reinforced store and shops of J A Benge, the two story brick modern bakery of J A Hazelwood, the large new school buildings, the new Anglican Church at Upper Hut, the up-to-date coach factory and farriery of Mr J T Benge, and the new saddler's shop of Mr Jacob Geange.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 09 February 1911 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 May 1911

Last Friday the delivery cart of Mr Hazelwood while on the way to Kaitoke was met by a motor care when half-way up the Mangaroa Hill. The horse did not take kindly to the care and backed over the bank spilling parcels over the country side and damaging the cart. Driver Comeskey obtained another cart collected his goods and continued his journey and finishing his round very late.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 19 May 1911 page 3)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 September 1911

Mr J A Hazelwood advertises he is now displaying new Spring dress materials to suit all tastes.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 16 September 1911 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 October 1911

We understand that Mr H R Gibbs has arranged to purchase a business site near Mr Hazelwood's reinforced concrete store and that he purposes having an up-to-date pharmacy in brick or concrete erected on the site.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 October 1911 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 January 1912

J A HAZELWOOD – Universal Provider – Baker Confectioner – Upper Hutt – All goods of the best quality Charges Moderate

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 January 1912 page 1)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 June 1912

Mr J T Bengé has joined Mr J A Hazelwood in the storekeeping business. His numerous friends wish him health and success in his new undertaking.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 08 June 1912 page 2)

J A Hazelwood History - A fourth building was added around 1912, and parts of the original facade were still visible in 2013.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

Hazelwood buildings 1912 circa



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood's buildings 1912-1928 P5-2-414)

Evening Post newspaper 07 August 1913

Shipping – Homeward Bound – Sailing for London via way posts today the Shaw Saville and Albion Company's R.M.S. Arawa is taking the following passengers – Third Class from Wellington – Messrs J A Hazelwood (plus others including W N Pepperell)

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 07 August 1913 page 6)

Evening Post newspaper 09 August 1913

Bon Voyage – J A Hazelwood and N Pepperell of Upper Hutt left by the Arawa on Thursday on a six month's trip to the Old Country on business and in search of health.

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 09 August 1913 page 4)

J A Hazelwood History - The second building was bought by Bengé and Pratt, and can be seen with an added veranda in a 1912 picture; late at night in March 1914 the store caught fire, and exploded while people were trying to rescue goods; six men died outright, and two more later. The third Hazelwood building was burnt out, but its walls stood; the fourth still survives.

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Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 December 1913

James Hazelwood and Norman Pepperell returned from their trip to the Old Country on Wednesday – both well, but we think Timi has put on a little flesh. Greetings to both.

(Reference Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 13 December 1913 page 2)

Note: I have searched the newspaper article on the Papers Past website up to 1914. Only a few brief articles have been transcribed below.

Wairarapa Times newspaper 30 March 1914

Hazelwood's grocery store next door a brick building was burnt out only the walls being left. This was insured for 900 in the Alliance Office and the stock for 1800 in the same office

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Wairarapa Times newspaper 30 March 1914 page 5)

Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 April 1914

Hazelwood & Co's drapery business is being carried on in Lay's premises pending re-building of their brick store

(Reference National Library of NZ Papers past website Hutt Valley Independent newspaper 11 April 1914 page 2)

New Zealand Times newspaper 25 April 1914

Holes in the ceiling- James Alfred Hazelwood storekeeper of Upper Hutt said that he used to occupy the premises lately occupied by Bengé and Pratt until about four years ago. Witness and his family had lived in the second storey. The flooring boards ran north and south. There was no ceiling in the grocery department. Witness had put a generator into his new building and had supplied Bengé and Pratt's premises with acetylene gas. He occupied both premises for some time. When Bengé and Pratt took over the connecting cock was turned off and he understood that the pipe had been plugged. Witness had been able to see the light of the ground floor by looking through the floor of the south front top room which he had used as a bedroom. Water would have run through.

An old building – William Joseph Wilkie settler of Upper Hutt said that he formerly owned the premises lately occupied by Bengé and Pratt. He occupied them for about eighteen months leaving four years ago. He had the ceiling in the grocery department match lined between the time that Hazelwood left and Bengé and Pratt took over. The wood used was tongued and grooved. The gas pipes were below the ceiling. He was positive of that. The pipes were of galvanised iron. The building was about thirty seven years old and the top floor was the same age.

(Reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 25 April 1914 page 9)

1920s J A Hazelwood History - Many family members were involved in the running of the store; May Poulson (nee Ethel May Hazelwood) gave the library a collection which includes many staff groups, generally fully identified, from the period up to her marriage in 1927.

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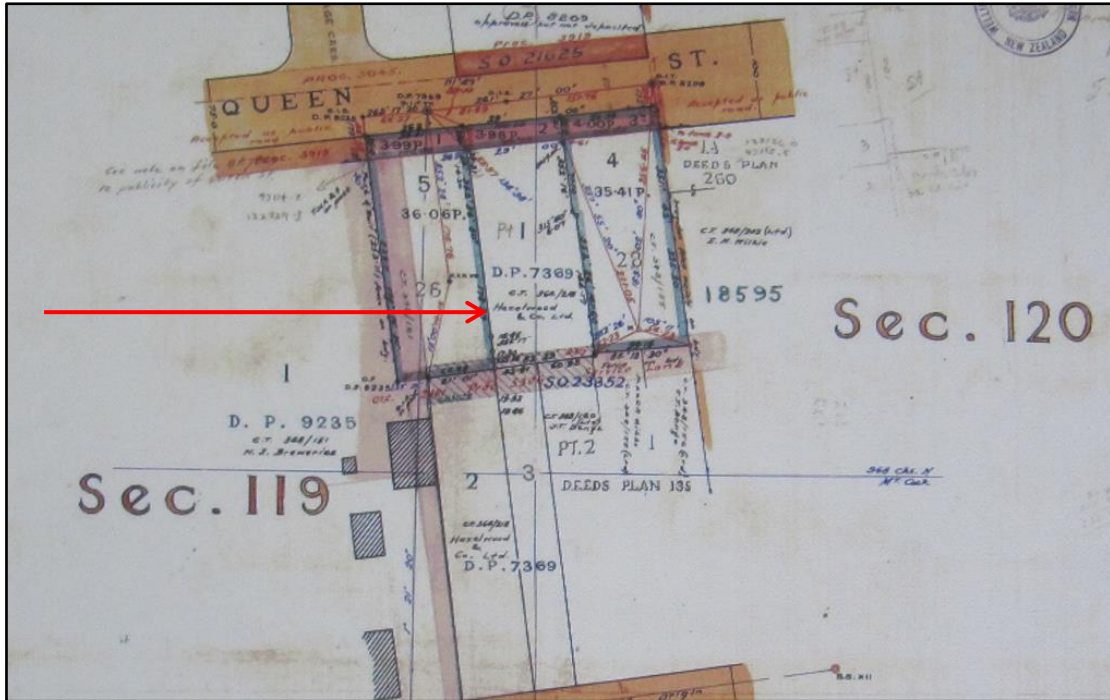
In the 1930s Upper Hutt Weekly Review newspaper it is full of adverts for the Hazelwood's Department Store. Other businesses occupied Hazelwood's building on the top floor and included an Accountant and Dental Surgeon.

Evening Post newspaper 24 August 1942

Wanted - Girl for bookkeeping machine, also girl for drapery dept., and Boy for bake-house. Apply Hazelwood and Co Upper Hutt

(Reference Papers past website Evening Post newspaper 24 August 1942 page 1)

1944 Deposit Plan DP 13105 – Hazelwood's Queens Street



(Reference Quick Maps website UH Section 119 DP 13105 1944 IMG_3618.jpg)

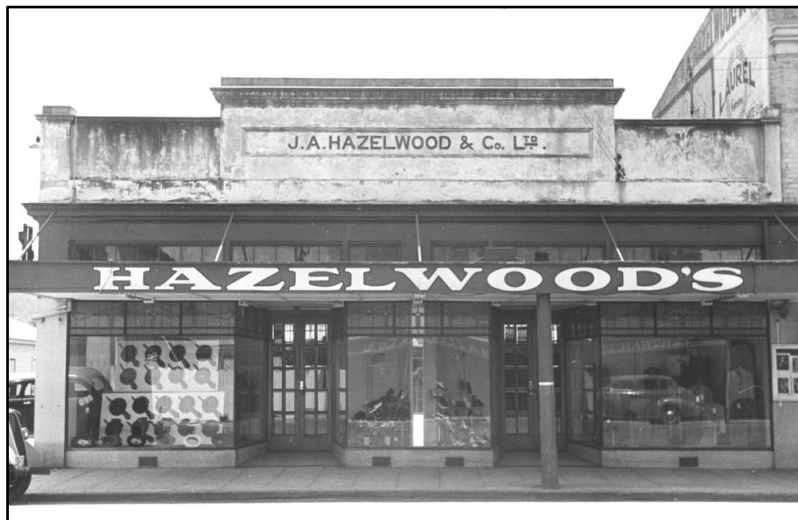
J A Hazelwood & Co Ltd was the name of a company begun by James Hazelwood in circa 1891. In September 1944 T N Gibbs purchased Hazelwood's store in Main Street Upper Hutt from the partnership of J T Bengé and J A Hazelwood (the founder). At this time J A Hazelwood & Co was a private company with a variety of departments serving the farming and residential areas surrounding Upper Hutt.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection subject Archives reference 15 & location 6a, 37i)

1940s - 1950s J A Hazelwood History - T. N. Gibbs, from Christchurch bought the company in 1944. His son Colin became assistant manager of Hazelwood's in 1954, and took over as manager in 1956.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

Hazelwood Main Street north side Upper Hutt January 1948



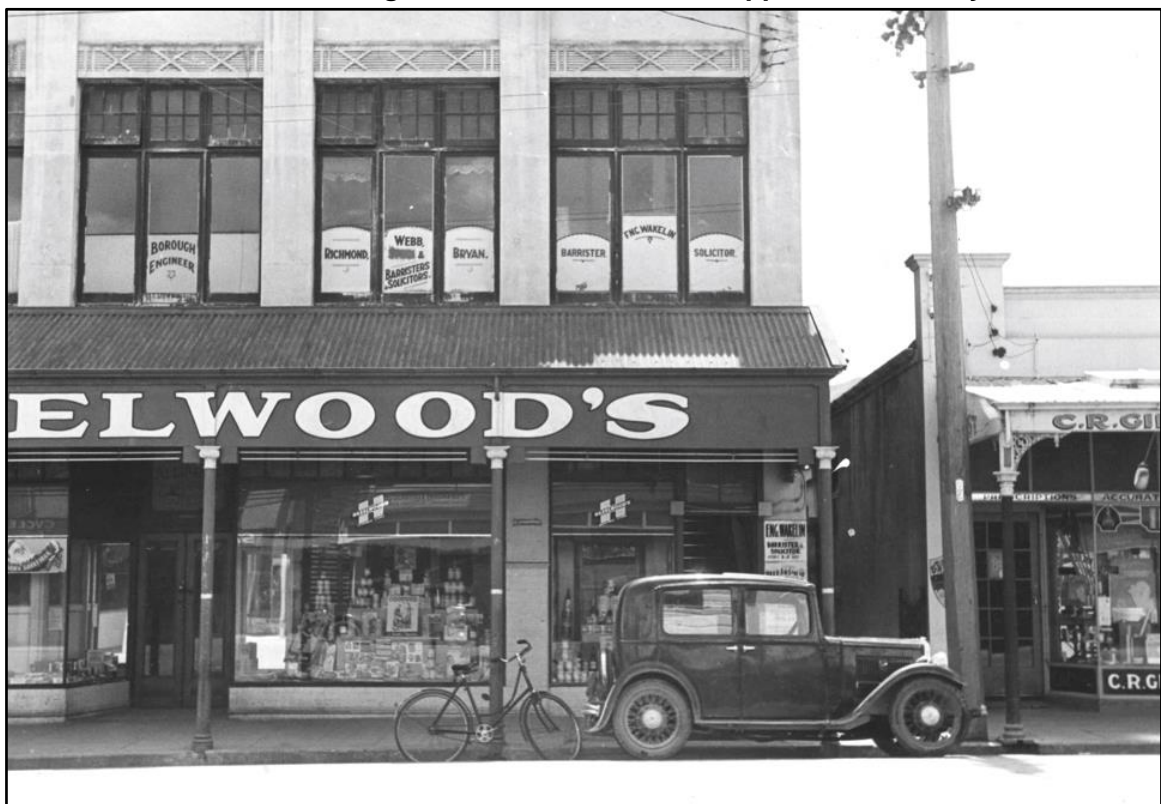
(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood Main Street UH January 1948 north side P2-173-611028)

Hazelwood's building Main Street north side Upper Hutt January 1948



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood Main Street UH January 1948 north side P2-174-612)

Hazelwood's buildings Main Street north side Upper Hutt January 1948



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood Main Street UH January 1948 north side P2-175-613032)

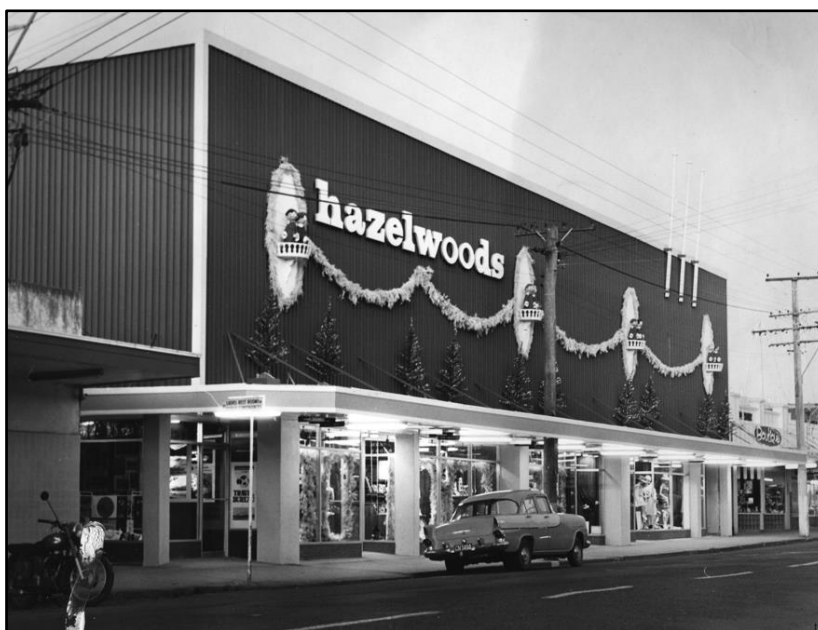
Hazelwood's Buildings 1950s circa



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood's buildings 1950s P4-53-1514)

1960s J A Hazelwood History - Under his management Hazelwood's was expanded and developed into a major department store. In 1964/5 additions to the building were built, including a mezzanine floor. At this time a coffee lounge and travel and sports departments were established. In a 1966 survey, Hazelwood's was described as a "departmental store" and the "chief products" were listed as "home appliances, hardware, furniture, men's wear, mantles, ladies and men's footwear, cosmetics, accessories, Manchester, haberdashery, grocery, kitchenware, babywear, college wear, travel, china." (Reference: Upper Hutt City Library A26/1 E. - Survey material from Upper Hutt College research project into industrial development, 1966.) Retailing initiatives during these years included "Women's Day" promotions when the women on Hazelwood's staff "took over" store management for the last Friday in June, with accompanying specials. The grocery department closed in February 1967.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)



(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Hazelwood building 1964-1965 Christmas decorations P3-169-881)

1970s J A Hazelwood History - One prominent employee; Len Rink, of Silverstream, who reached his 24th Christmas as Santa Claus in 1970; he also performed at Quinn's Post Christmas parties. The October 17, 1973 'Leader' announced that the Queen Street bake house, one of Upper Hutt's oldest buildings, was to be demolished. It had closed in 1956, and was thought to have supplied Trentham Camp during World War 1. It would be replaced by a single-storey extension with rooftop car parking west of the former F V Evans engineering building, which Hazelwood's were using. Changes announced would increase floor area from 32 230 to 72 730 square feet; 'almost double the previous size'. A 1974 announcement said the expansion was in anticipation of a pedestrian-only precinct in the centre of Main Street, an extension with a roof-top carpark was built, reaching Queen Street. Hazelwood's joined the Toy world nationwide buying group in August 1979.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

1980s J A Hazelwood History - A No Frills Food Barn opened in one-third of the former F V Evans building in Queen Street in October 1980, and was joined by a new hardware, sports goods and kitchen centre in September 1981; a Camera House branch moved into the store at the same time. Later in the 1980s, in a move towards greater specialisation, several departments were sold, and operated on the premises: a No Frills Barn opened in April 1981; Menswear was bought by Warnock's in July 1983; Ladies wear was bought by Ballantynes in 1985; Travel-Variety was bought by Thomas Cook; Hardware was bought by Stewarts Hardware in 2000. The stock of the furniture department and Fisher and Paykel franchise were bought by Colin Gibbs's son Michael Gibbs in February 1984; he leased premises in the building as Hazelwood's Home Traders, which later became Hazelwood's Furniture Court. Whitcoulls (books and stationery) moved in in December 1985.

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

1990s – 2000s In the November 1 2002 'Leader' Hazelwood's announced that they had bought a Masterton building, and intended to open their third out-of-Upper-Hutt branch there in march or April. Hazelwood's ceased trading in 2009. The building group was eventually subdivided, with Smiths City (furniture and appliances) and a video rental company on Queen Street, the Department of Defence on Main Street, and the Ascot Cinema on top; Smiths City closed in (2012?) and the cinema closed in (2013?). The June 21, 2017 'Leader' announced that the Department of Defence would leave after six years; Ganson Group would get and rebuild the building for retail

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

2022 Main Street former Hazelwood Building



(Reference Goggle maps Main Street Upper Hutt former Hazelwood building 2022)

A – Z People associated with Hazelwood's Store

Theodore Nisbet GIBBS & Colin Ogilvie GIBBS

(Father and son)

0- Theodore Nisbet GIBBS born 03 February 1896 died 1978 New Zealand married 1927 New Zealand Elsie Gordon OGILVIE born 1897 Melbourne Victoria Australia died 1965 Upper Hutt New Zealand

#Elsie Gordon OGILVIE born 1897 Malvern Victoria Australia to parents Edith Agnes McMillan and Charles Green Ogilvie register number 20805

#Plunket Society Upper Hutt Branch - The monthly meeting of the committee of the Upper Hutt branch of the Plunket Society was held on Tuesday in the Town Board room Upper Hutt. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Balcombe-Brown and there was a fair attendance. Nurse Ogilvie read her report showing she had paid 137 visits to homes and 164 mothers and babies had visited the rooms. Donations of furniture for the Plunket room were gratefully accepted by the committee. Arrangements were made for shop day each month. Votes of thanks were passed to all those who helped at the recent functions held recently at Trentham in aid of this branch reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 14 November 1925 page 9

#Plunket Society - The Upper Hutt branch of the Plunket Society held its monthly meeting at Upper Hutt on Tuesday last Mrs Leckie of Heretaunga was in the chair and in the absence of Mrs H E Lodge who is laid aside with a serious illness Mrs S Rogers (assistant-secretary, acted as secretary. The report and balance sheet of the recent garden party held in the beautiful grounds attached to the residence of Mrs Balcombe-Brown at Maori Bank were received and showed a clear profit of £123. Miss Ogilvie district nurse reported having during March visited 137 homes and dealt with 237 cases at the Plunket rooms. The committee expressed its satisfaction at the result of the garden party and the financial position of the branch and its great pleasure with the work accomplished by Nurse Ogilvie. It is the intention of the branch to entertain the mothers and children in the district at a social to be held on the 22nd instant reference Papers past website New Zealand Times newspaper 15 April 1926

#Miss E Ogilvie the popular and energetic Plunket nurse for this district is leaving on Friday to complete her nursing studies. Her departure means a great loss to the local branch of the society and she leaves behind her a record for efficiency and painstaking care which will be hard for whoever succeeds her to live up to. Miss Ogilvie has always been a great help to the mothers and babies in the district and day or night has always been at their disposal. She will be greatly missed reference Paper past website New Zealand Times newspaper 27 May 1926

#Elsie Gordon OGILVIE 5 Clermont Terrace spinster & Charles Green OGILVIE 5 Clermont Terrace retired & Edith Agnes OGILVIE 5 Clermont Terrace married & Sheila Gordon OGILVIE 5 Clermont Terrace spinster 1925 Wellington North Electoral Roll

#Theodore Nisbet GIBBS married 1927 New Zealand Elsie Gordon OGILVIE reference RGO NZ marriage registration 1927 folio 2924 website 1927/2943

#Mrs Elsie (Ogilvie) GIBBS March 1927 No 2532 St Helens Hospital Wellington Hackthorner Road Christchurch reference New Zealand Gazette Part 1 Register of Midwives 22 April 1932

#Elsie Gordon GIBBS 26 Orchard Street married & Theodore Nisbet GIBBS 26 Orchard Street company director 1949 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

#Elsie Gordon GIBBS 118 Oriental Parade married & Theodore Nisbet GIBBS 118 Oriental Parade company director 1957 Wellington Central Electoral Roll

#Elsie Gordon GIBBS Old Hautere Road Te Horo married & Theodore Nisbet GIBBS Old Hautere Road Te Horo company director 1960 & 1963 Otaki Electoral Roll

#Elsie Gordon GIBBS died 1965 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1965 folio website 1965/45002 age 68 born about 1897

#In thankful memory of Elsie Gordon GIBBS 1897-1965 Pioneer Plunket Nurse for the Upper Hutt Valley buried St Johns churchyard Trentham Upper Hutt

#Theodore Nisbet GIBBS Old Hautere Road Te Horo company director 1966 Otaki Elect Roll

#Theodore Nisbet GIBBS died 1978 New Zealand reference RGO NZ death registration 1978 folio website 1978/35868 born 03 February 1896

#Theodore Nisbet GIBBS – Principle T N Gibbs & Co est. 1920, 149 Hereford St. Christchurch N.Z. Public Accountants Auditors and Share brokers. Member ChCh Stock Exchange, Fellow, Royal Economic Soc. Mng. Sec., United Sawmills Lyd., Dir. And Sec. of other Christchurch Cos. Member of Council, Canterbury Chamber of Commerce 1928-1937; Chairman. Christchurch Boys 'Employment Committee 1931-1932; Author of Unemployment Taxation Published by Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd July 1932 and joint author Income Tax in N.Z. (Gibbs and Osborn) published by Whitcombe and Tombs in May 1933. Born Whangaroa, Nth. Auckland N.Z. 03rd Feb 1896. Son of Richard Solloway and Gertrude (nee Nisbet) Gibbs both of Kaeo, Nth. Auckland N.Z. Ed East Chch. Public and Christchurch Boys H.S. Commenced his career as Junior Clerk Meares & Williams Solicitors Chch 1911. Started in business on own account 1920 under firm of T N Gibbs & Co. Married Elsie Gordon second eldest daughter of C G Ogilvie Wellington NZ 28th June 1927. Issue two sons Ian Ogilvie and Colin Ogilvie, two daughters Wendeline Nisbet and Dorothea Elspeth. Recreations Country home and golf. Home address "Hilhyst" 16 Hackthorne Rd Cashmere Hills Christchurch N.Z. reference Who's Who in New Zealand 1938 page 169 & 170

James Alfred HAZELWOOD

0- James Alfred HAZELWOOD born 1875 Wellington New Zealand died 24 December 1968 Upper Hutt New Zealand married 1897 New Zealand **Margaret Ada BENNETT** born 1878 Upper Hutt New Zealand died 23 November 1951 Upper Hutt New Zealand

#HAZELWOOD issue [1] Ethel May born 1868 [2] James Thomas born 1901 [3] Myrtle born 1903 [4] Hector Gilbert born 1909 [5] Wilson Alfred born 1912 all born in New Zealand to parents Margaret Ada and James Alfred Hazelwood

NOTE - The Hazelwood family history document is located in the folder "*UH Family History & Genealogies*" and saved as *UHFHazelwoodBennett.doc*

J A Hazelwood & Co Ltd. Store Miscellaneous Information

There are numerous photographs and records held at the Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection community archives. I have only recorded a few of the reference sources.

Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection

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The grocery department closed in February 1967.

One prominent employee; Len Rink, of Silverstream, who reached his 24th Christmas as Santa Claus in 1970; he also performed at Quinn's Post Christmas parties.

The October 17, 1973 'Leader' announced that the Queen Street bake house, one of Upper Hutt's oldest buildings, was to be demolished. It had closed in 1956, and was thought to have supplied Trentham Camp during World War 1. It would be replaced by a single-storey extension with rooftop car parking west of the former F V Evans engineering building, which Hazelwood's were using. Changes announced would increase floor area from 32 230 to 72 730 square feet; 'almost double the previous size'. A 1974 announcement said the expansion was in anticipation of a pedestrian-only precinct in the centre of Main Street; an extension with a roof-top carpark was built, reaching Queen Street.

Hazelwood's joined the Toy world nationwide buying group in August 1979. A No Frills Food Barn opened in one-third of the former F V Evans building in Queen Street in October 1980, and was joined by a new hardware, sports goods and kitchen centre in September 1981; a Camera House branch moved into the store at the same time. Later in the 1980s, in a move towards greater specialisation, several departments were sold, and operated on the premises: a No Frills Barn opened in April 1981; Menswear was bought by Warnock's in July 1983; Ladies wear was bought by Ballantynes in 1985; Travel-Variety was bought by Thomas Cook; Hardware was bought by Stewarts Hardware in 2000. The stock of the furniture department and Fisher and Paykel franchise were bought by Colin Gibbs's son Michael Gibbs in February 1984; he leased premises in the building as Hazelwood's Home Traders, which later became Hazelwood's Furniture Court. Whitcoulls (books and stationery) moved in in December 1985.

In the November 1 2002 'Leader' Hazelwood's announced that they had bought a Masterton building, and intended to open their third out-of-Upper-Hutt branch there in march or April.

Hazelwood's ceased trading in 2009. The building group was eventually subdivided, with Smiths City (furniture and appliances) and a video rental company on Queen Street, the Department of

Defence on Main Street, and the Ascot Cinema on top; Smiths City closed in (2012?) and the cinema closed in (2013?).

The June 21, 2017 'Leader' announced that the Department of Defence would leave after six years; Ganson Group would gut and rebuild the building for retail

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection Recollect website organization)

Archives subject = J A HAZELWOOD & Co Ltd (Hazelwood) circa 1891 to 1944

History – J A Hazelwood & Co Ltd was the name of a company begun by James Hazelwood in circa 1891. In September 1944 T N Gibbs purchased Hazelwood's store in Main Street Upper Hutt from the partnership of J T Benge and J A Hazelwood (the founder). At this time J A Hazelwood & Co was a private company with a variety of departments serving the farming and residential areas surrounding Upper Hutt.

Subject - The records were retained and some continued in use by the new management once ownership had changed hands in 1944. The later dates of records continued in this way are indicated by square brackets in the:-

Series

- 15/1 Account book 1922-1942
- 15/2 Sales comparisons book, 1923-1936
- 15/3 Subject files (fastened) 1941-1944 [-1966]
- 15/4 Framed items
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- 15/3/2 Subject files (fastened) 1943-1944[-1970]
- 15/4/1 Framed certificate of appreciation September 1944
- 15/4/2 Framed portrait of J.A. Hazelwood
- 15/4/3 Framed photograph of Hazelwood's premises Main Street Upper Hutt
- 15/4/4 Framed photograph of Hazelwood's premises Main Street Upper Hutt (ATL copy)
- 15/5 Miscellaneous
- 15/5/1 Photocopy of blank invoice sheet, 1913, with handwritten notes about stock by J. A. Hazelwood and stamp dated 31 October 1913 on the reverse (acc 373, donated by Vin Benge)

(Reference Upper Hutt City Library Heritage collection subject Archives reference 15 & location 6a, 37i)
